provisions of Public Financial Institutions (Obligation as to Fidelity and Secrecy) Act, 1983, names of such concerns cannot be divulged.

Credit Cards by Standard Chartered

2094. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAM BHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standard Chartered Bank (Stanchart) has launched a new series of Credit Cards with photos, to prevent the alleged white collar, crime, involving Rs. 1800 crores of plastic money in the Indian market; and

(b) whether as reported, over 11.2% of the 1.2 million credit cards under circulation in India are counterfeit and what steps are being taken to prevent circulation of this counterfeit plastic money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that Standard Chartered Bank has launched a new series of Credit Cards with photos. But it is not aware of the white collar crimes involving Rs. 1800 crores of plastic money in the Indian market. As reported by public sector banks, private sector banks and foreign banks, 886 cases of frauds involving an amount of Rs. 270.10 lakhs, had taken place during the years 1992-93 to 1994-95. RBI has further stated that counterfeit cards are only one of the kinds of frauds prevalent in credit cards business. Banks have, however, not reported to RBI incidence of frauds perpetrated by way of counterfeit credit cards.

Export of Handicrafts

2095. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the trend of handicrafts export during the last three years and how do they compare with the 1990-91 figures;

(b) the names of the top five States in handicrafts exports;

(c) the names of the top five destination countries to which these handicrafts are exported; and

(d) what steps are being taken to boost these exports?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) There has been an increasing trend in exports of handicrafts from the country during the last three years as compared to the 1990-91 which is evident from the export figures given below:—

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Export of handicrafts including handknotted carpets
1990-91	1434.38
1992-93	2522.97
1993-94	3360.20
1994-95	4458.30

(b) The States are Uttar Pradesh, Jammu Kashmir, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.

(c) The top five destination countries to which handicrafts are exported in order are the USA, Germany, United Kingdom, France and Japan.

(d) The steps taken to boost the export of handicrafts including handknotted carpets include sponsoring of sales-cum-study teams abroad, participation in international fairs/festivals, organisation of buyer-seller-meets, overseas publicity and publication of catalogues, conducting of seminars and workshop and organisation